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Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated November 9, 2001 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 9, 2002.

A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$1440 for payment of the extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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